

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF LPG AS ON AUTOMOTIVE FUEL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government plans to set up retails network for pushing use of LPG as an automotive fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the effect on domestic LPG supplies by setting up these retail outlets?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAPATEL)

(a) to (c): Government have permitted the sale of auto-LPG for vehicles vide the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of use in Motor Vehicle) Order, 2001. OMCs have set up, and are setting up, Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) based on their commercial considerations and upon the availability of suitable sites in various cities to meet the requirement of auto LPG.

At present, OMCs are operating 306 ALDS in different cities in the country and also propose to set up 158 more ALDS in different cities in the country.

The total sale of auto LPG during the period April, 2007 to January, 2008 was 170 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) as against 108 TMT during the corresponding period of last year, showing a growth rate of 57.4%.

(d) : Government has not given approval for use of domestic LPG in vehicles. As per the auto-LPG Control Order, only imported or import-substituted auto LPG can be used in vehicles. OMCs are meeting the demand of auto LPG through their refineries/ imports.